

Application No.: 10/602385

Case No.: 58453US002

REMARKS

Reexamination and reconsideration of the application as amended are respectfully requested.

The undersigned would like to sincerely thank Examiner Brittain for the extremely useful and interesting discussion regarding the above case during the personal interview of October 6, 2005. The focus of the discussion revolved around the term integral and how that relates the hook element to the continuous porous film backing. The undersigned's understanding of the term integral was that it corresponded essentially to the definition in Merriam Webster's Online Dictionary, which defines integral as "formed as a unit with another part." However, it is understood that this term has been assigned other meanings in the art and specifically other meanings have been assigned in the case law. In order to address this Applicant's are proposing to amend the claims to put more definition around the nature of the hook elements being a integral part of the film backing in the sense that Applicant's intended. Therefore, the claims of such have been amended to say that the film backing and hook elements are simultaneously formed from a thermoplastic material, which is discussed for example on page 2, line 16 and page 5, lines 1-12 and throughout the specific examples of methods for forming the backing and hook materials.

It is submitted that this places the case in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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